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Festival honors Acton, Bergeron, Curley, Delonais, Greemore, Levier, Negahnquet, Pambogo families

Family Reunion Festival 2009 nears, to be best

Many new facilities and a significantly changed look and layout for Raymond Peltier Park, site for most of the activities, will greet thousands of Citizen Potawatomi Nation members and their families as they return home for the Nation's 11th Annual Family Reunion Festival from Friday, June 26 through Sunday, June 28. Among the new facilities will be pavilions for serving and eating meals, five pedestrian bridges spanning Squirrel Creek, and expanded and relocated recreational vehicle hookups.

There is a temporary softball field between Reunion Hall South and Unity Hospital. And, there is a new bathhouse across Rangeline Road west of the Roundhouse.

Among new activities will be a demonstration of the ancient Indian game Lacrosse. Coaches and players from the CPN's Lacrosse team will host a pickup game at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 27 in the Child Development Center playground. Lacrosse coach Michael Dykstra reports that the team has improved tremendously in its second season. He extends a cordial invitation to all Festival attendees



Work on an improved Raymond Peltier Park can be seen in this aerial view of the CPN headquarters/Festival grounds area, shot on May 29, 2009. This photo was shot with the photographer looking east toward the Festival grounds, FireLake Entertainment Center, and FireLake Discount Foods, which are at the bottom of the photo. Gordon Cooper Drive cuts across the photo, left to right, near the top. The Administration Building and Cultural Heritage Center are above it in the photo, with the Administration Building immediately below the '2009' in the headline.

to view or participate in the demonstration.

An election to decide CPN leadership for the next four years will conclude during Festival. Incumbent Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett is seeking a new, four-year term. Chairman Barrett is opposed by

members Diana Brasfield of Bartlesville and Jeremy Bertrand Finch of Macomb. Eligible CPN members, those who will be 18 years old no later than June 27, have been mailing in absentee ballots since early May. To be counted in the final total,

ballots must arrive in the Election Committee's Tecumseh post office box no later than 10:00 a.m. on June 27.

As usual, in-person voting will happen from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on June 27 in the Tribal Courtroom. CPN officials urge all Festivalgoers who have not mailed in an absentee ballot to vote in person. They will provide a special shuttle, marked "Voters Trolley," to ferry voters between Festival grounds and the polling place.

CPN voters will decide two legislative seats. In District #4, which encompasses the state of Kansas, incumbent Theresa Adame of Topeka faces a challenge from Jon Boursaw, another Topeka resident who retired recently from a position as director of the CPN's Cultural Heritage Center.

Six candidates have offered themselves



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Angela Renea Hull

Angela Renea Hull, 30, of Moberly, Missouri passed away December 27, 2008 in Independence, Missouri. She was born December 12, 1978 in Moberly, the daughter of Calvin and Susan Kitchen Hull.

Angela is survived by her father, Calvin Hull of Moberly; her mother, Susan Gordon of Independence; two sons, Zack Prather and Alex Prather of Cairo, Missouri; two daughters, Mercedes Elaine Webber of Clarence, Missouri and Nicole Prather of Cairo; two brothers, Steven and his wife Chonda Hull of Cairo and John T. Hull of Moberly; one sister, Michelle Hull of Moberly; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held on Friday, January 2, 2009 at 2 p.m. at Million-Taylor Funeral Home in Moberly. Burial was at Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation was held on Friday from noon until 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the family.

Shawnie Correy-Jensen

Shawnie Correy-Jensen, 41, unexpectedly passed away from natural causes on April 1, 2009. Shawnie was born on March



4, 1968 in Fullerton, California. She attended Don Lugo High School, graduating with the Class of 1986.

Shawnie is survived by her two sons, Cody, 17 and Hayden, 6; parents, Gary and Jerry Correy; sister Wendy Bradfield; brother-in-law, Brian; niece, Hayley;

nephew, Brandon; and sister, Chris Azares.

Shawnie was laid to rest in Idaho on April 4, 2009. A memorial service was held on Friday, April 17, at 5 p.m. at Stone Funeral home on 9th Street in Upland, California. The memorial service was followed by a gathering at Lions Center West on Baseline Road in Rancho Cucamonga, California.

Her family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to the Shawnie Jensen Memorial Fund at P.O. Box 2032, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91729. This fund has been set up for the care and education of the two sons she has left behind.

Grandfather please hear our call
on well-trod paths our teardrops fall
our daughter walked on this day
so hear us ... to you this we pray.

Seen shooting across the sky this night,
so far away ... But shining bright
her Spirit is carried to you on a star
so near our heart but travels far.

We cannot see the future
all we have is the past
I now have the dreams
to make the memories last.

Our hearts are heavy
her Spirit is free
We won't forget her
as we set her free
on Sacred Ground she should rest
today, Grandfather, you received one of
your best.

By
Jerry Correy

Sarah May Johnson

Sarah May Johnson, age 68, of Rossville, Kansas passed away on Friday, April 10, 2009 in Topeka, Kansas. She was born February 16, 1941 in Tonganoxie, Kansas, the daughter of Fred Cox and Violet Lucy Lewis Cox.

Ms. Johnson graduated from Friends Academy in Haviland, Kansas. She worked for Hallmark Cards in Lawrence, retiring in 1998. She married Lafayette Bob Onstad in 1961. They later divorced.



She married Arden E. Johnson in 1989. He preceded her in death in 2004.

She was an active member of all units of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. She was also an active member of the Westside Presbyterian Church in Lawrence.

She is survived by a son, David French of Alhambra, California; a daughter, Kimberley Beach of Rossville; a brother, John Cox of Tonganoxie, Kansas; a sister, Mary Bartlett of Fruitvale, Texas; eight grandchildren, Joe Beach Jr., John Beach, Lafe Beach, Blake Beach, Kami Beach, Azhen French, Joshua French, and Summer French; 12 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at the Westside Presbyterian Church in Lawrence. Visitation was from 10:00 a.m. until service time on April 14 at the church. Cremation followed the services.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Rebekah Assembly of Kansas, ALS Clinic at K.U. Medical Center, or the Westside Presbyterian Church and sent in care of the Davidson Funeral Home in Topeka.

Enjoy
Family Reunion
Festival 2009!

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Census jobs also available

Census 2010: Being counted is *imperative*

by LaVerne Douglas

In the midst of the USA's deep economic challenges, it is important that every American Indian and Alaska Native tribal member be counted in the 2010 census. "It is hard to give families the same help we gave them before because our funds are down," said Carol Clay-Levi, CPN Employment and Training director. "We are low on funds because of the census."

The U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 2 mandates that a census of the population be conducted at ten-year intervals. The United States uses census data to apportion congressional seats among the states, to make decisions about what community services to provide, and to determine the allocation of federal funding for state, local, and tribal communities across the country. A complete count of every tribal member will ensure that American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments will receive their fair share of the \$300 billion in federal funds.

Education, health clinics, housing, unemployment, and food stamps are federally-funded services. Clay-Levi said these resources are available because of the census counts.

Margaret Zientek, CPN Employment and Training assistant director, and Levi are official liaisons for the 2010 census. The U.S. Census Bureau is working in a cooperative, concerted effort with 562 federally recognized tribes to make the 2010 census the most accurate ever for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

According to the Bureau, in 2007 it conducted 14 tribal consultations that brought together 208 federally recognized tribes, including 128 leaders, and 16 American Indian and Alaska Native organizations. The Bureau received input from more than 300 tribal delegates and representatives regarding the 2010 census and the census process.

"The tribal census rolls that the tribes conduct aren't considered," Zientek said. "(The Census Bureau) wants U.S. census counts – to determine dollars – other than their own tribes' census."

The tribal delegates raised the issue that people who are not enrolled in a federally recognized tribe are counted as American Indian. Zientek said, for the 2010 census, tribal delegates suggested changing census data based on self-identification to data



CPN Employment & Training Program Assistant Director Margaret Zientek, Director Carol Clay-Levi, and Marie Tubbs stress the importance of being counted as a CPN member in the 2010 census. Here, they demonstrate tribal dances for CPN Child Development Center students.

based on being enrolled in a federally recognized tribe. Data based on self-identification results in a disproportionate share of funding going to areas with large numbers of self-identified American Indians, not necessarily to areas with concentrations of enrolled tribal members.

Zientek said California is considered the number one state in the nation for American Indians because they included members of South and Central American tribes, whose members can claim Indian ancestry for census purposes.

"Everyone needs to fill out the census and be identified," Zientek said. "If you don't volunteer to do it, then it doesn't get done."

The census form takes an average of 10 minutes to complete. The questionnaire asks for name, gender, age, birthdate, race, ethnicity, who lives with the respondent, cohabiters' relationship to the person who owns or rents the residence, and whether the householder owns or rents his home. All answers are protected by law and are strictly confidential.

Clay-Levi said that, during the 2000 census, the CPN Employment and Training staff worked hard to inform people of how important it is to fill out the census form. She said a number of American Indians are reluctant to fill out any type of official papers. The E&T staff assured them that their information was

confidential.

"An important factor we tried to get through to people is how important it was to fill out those papers and to not be scared if someone comes knocking on your door," Clay-Levi said. "If you need help filling out the census or if you have questions, (remember) they are not going to look into any of your tax information or anything like that."

The Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) provides housing funds that the Citizen Potawatomi Nation receives from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The CPN's funding level is based on census information said Robert B. Carlile III, Ph. D., CPN executive director of Housing. The Census Office was invited to the quarterly regional housing meeting in Oklahoma City to speak with housing directors about their combined efforts in getting census information to American Indians.

Carlile said that which tribe a person is registered with is important because it benefits his tribe and it benefits that person directly in the form of services he receives from his tribe. The housing director said that, even if a member doesn't use tribal services, he is "99 percent sure that some of their families do receive benefits."

"Our big thing to do," Carlile said. "Is



to make sure all 27,000-plus Potawatomis, when they are going through the census, they put down they are a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation."

Information and download materials are available on www.census.gov to help get the 2010 census message to the public. In April, schools received materials to educate students in Fall 2009.

In January and February 2010, national and local media will create awareness to make a profound impact on all communities. In March 2010, the census questionnaires will be mailed or delivered to households to be filled out and mailed back. In May 2010, non-responding households will be visited by enumerators (census-takers). By law, the Bureau delivers population counts by December 2010 to the President for distribution and delivers redistricting data to states by March 2011.

The Bureau is recruiting thousands of people for 2010 census jobs. Office clerks, recruiting assistants, and enumerators will be hired for temporary positions. The pay for these jobs depends on the area where the census worker lives. It can range to \$10.75 an hour for office clerks, \$14.25 an hour for enumerators, and \$15.75 an hour for recruiting assistants.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, score at least 70 percent on a written test, and pass a background check. Also required for the testing are two forms of identification and two hours to complete the session.

This is an opportunity for people to enjoy good pay, work flexible hours, receive mileage reimbursement, and work close to home while serving their community and earning work experience to add to their resume.

For job application information, call 405-254-9140 in Oklahoma or the Census Bureau National Toll-Free Recruiting Line at 866-861-2010 to reserve a seat at the next application testing session.

**Election information is available
at
www.CPNElection.Central.org.**

“MY WAY OR THE HIGHWAY”

Our ancestors depended on their leaders to make wise decisions for the well being of their families and the tribe.

But they also depended on the tradition of input from tribal members or their representatives.

The leader listened intently to all opinions and decided wisely. His decision was honored.

**This was the honorable HIGH WAY.
This year, choose honor and stand proud.
Read my column (District 7)**

VOTE FOR JEREMY BERTRAND FINCH

www.teamfinch.org

Paid for by Thom Finks

Citizen Potawatomi Nation WIC Program Feeding Our Future

by Sheila Hughes

The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program was authorized more than 40 years ago, by the Child Nutrition Act of 1966. As amended, section 17 of the Act states, in part, that Congress finds that a substantial number of infants up to the age of five, along with pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, from families with inadequate income, are at special risk with respect to their physical and mental health or both.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation's WIC office is located in the north side of the FireLake Discount Foods building in Shawnee. Enrolled Native Americans qualify for WIC food vouchers if they meet income-eligibility guidelines and are in the CPN/WIC service area. The program serves the following eight counties: Cleveland, Hughes, Lincoln, Logan, Oklahoma, Payne, Pottawatomie, and Seminole.

This much-needed program has been in place for about 30 years. The director, CPN member Shelly Schneider, has been

at the helm for 21 of those years.

Simply put, Schneider said, “Many (of our clients) are so grateful for the assistance. One of the most important things to a mother are her children.”

It should be noted, says Schneider, that “foods supplied through WIC are not intended to serve as a complete diet, but only to supplement the foods that are already being consumed by the participants.”

Items available through WIC include such foods as hot and cold cereals, cheese, milk, beans or peanut butter, juice, and eggs. Beginning this year, the authorized foods include the addition of fresh or frozen fruits and vegetables, whole grains, canned beans, baby food, and many others.

The CPN WIC Program has two other offices, in Oklahoma City. CPN/WIC officer personnel also travel to outlying clinics in McCloud, Perkins, and Prague to offer services.

Schneider says the WIC program has demonstrated a major positive impact in
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Patrick Shannon for District #8

I feel that the representation of the Northwest deserves time and commitment from someone who can carry on the like-mindedness of my grandmother, Jacqueline Taylor.

I believe my background in public service would be beneficial to our district, advocating the welfare of our elders, investing in our future leaders through education, and honoring the history of our heritage.

The recent change in our government enables the chance for all of our voices to be heard. I would proudly serve my fellow members with an open ear and mind. Please vote Patrick Shannon for District 8.

**For more information, please go to
myspace.com/patrickfordistrict8.**

“Don’t forget to have your ballots in by June 27th!”

Ad Paid For By Patrick Shannon

Potawatomi Language

Some words/phrases for the Festival

Migwech - Thanks (mee gweh ch)
 Nimeidiwen - Dance (Nee med ee win)
 Dewegen - Drum (Day way gihn)
 Dewegenatek - Drum Stick (Day way gih na tuck)
 Jayek nimeidik! - Everyone dance! (Ji yuk)
 Ni je eshchegeyen? - What are you doing? (nee juh s chu gay yin)
 Ni je ga zhechkeyen nago? - What did you do yesterday? (nee juh gah zhuh ch kay yin na go)
 Ni je wa zhechkeyen wabek? - What are you doing tomorrow? (nee juh wah zhu ch kay yin wa buck)
 Gbekte ne? - Are you hungry? (Gbuck tay nay)
 Gbektam ne? - Are all of you hungry? (Gbuck tam nay)
 Konege nbekte. - Yes, I am hungry. (Ko nuh gay)
 Gshatemget zagech. - It's hot outside (Gshat dam get)
 Wiskedemget - It's blazing hot. (Wees kuh dam get)
 Mno gishget. - It's a nice day. (Mno geesh get)
 Nasena - Be careful. (Naa say naa)
 Nekshe o sengo. - Look at that squirrel. (Nuk shay o sin go)
 We ni je o kwe? - Who is that woman? (Way nee juh o kway)
 We ni je o nene? - Who is that man? (Way nee juh o nih nay)
 Ni pi je ejipteyen? - Where are you sitting? (Nee pee juh eh jeep tub yin)
 Ibe - Over there (EE buh)
 Byan shote. - Come here. (Bee yan show duh)
 Byak shote. - Everybody come here. (Bee yak show duh)
 Kenep! - Hurry! (Kay nup)
 Ggiwabma ne o? - Have you seen ____? (ggee wab ma nay oh)
 Cho. - No. (joe)
 Ni pi je o gos? - Where is your dad? (Nee pee juh o go s)
 Ni pi je o ggiye? - Where is your mom? (Nee pee juh o ggee yay)
 Ni pi je o gokmes? - Where is your grandma? (Nee pee juh o go k miss)
 Ni pi je o gmeshomes? - Where is your grandpa? (Nee pee juh o g miss show miss)
 Ni je ezhewebek? - What's happening? (Nee juh ezh eh way buck)
 Cho gego apje. - Nothing really. (Joe ga go aap juh)
 Mteno njipteb shote. - I am only sitting. (M ten oh njeep tub show duh)
 Bkan bmadzejek nkikto. - I am talking with different people. (B kahn bmad zuh juk nkeek toe)
 Ni jet so yawek? - What time is it? (Nee jet so yow uk)
 Nyew yawen. - It's four o'clock. (nee yow yow in)
 Pkonyak ne gwi nimeidi? - Are you going to dance this evening? (P cone yahk nay gwee nee med ee)
 Gnebech. - Maybe, perhaps (g nuh betch)

On-line classes

Don Perrot is currently teaching a beginner class on Monday evening from 7:00-8:30p.m. Central time and an intermediate class from 7:00-8:30 on Wednesday evenings. Please contact Don at neaseno@yahoo.com for a password and the internet address.

Michael Dykstra is currently teaching a beginner class on Monday afternoons from 12:00-1:00 p.m. central time and an intermediate class Thursday afternoon from 12:00-1:00 central time. To join either class, please go to www.instantpresenter.com/Potawatomi3 or contact Michael at mdykstra@potawatomi.org.

Other resources are available at www.potawatomi.org.

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preservation of the Native Americans' future. She takes great pride in the success statistics. "During the fiscal year 2008, we served a monthly average of 293 women, 367 infants, and 908 children," she said.

Prospective participants can contact their local county health department office for information about a WIC program in your area. Or, then call toll-free to at 800-880-9880 or e-mail sschneider@potawatomi.org with any further questions.

Tribal Rolls Photo ID Hours

During the Festival, Tribal Rolls will be stationed at various locations to update information, produce Tribal Photo ID cards, and accept application forms for scholarships, Burial Insurance, and enrollment. Remember: All tribal members need to have a Tribal ID card to sign-up for the festival and vote!

Friday, June 26, two Photo ID card stations will be available at the Cultural Heritage Center, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Two stations at

This Native American supplement is one more security blanket for generations to come even in a troubled economic time. As soup kitchens are at their maximum and homeless shelters overflowing with nursing children and pregnant women, this reporter gives thanks to God for an exceptional lifeline. It is comforting to know that more than a thousand individuals will have nutritious meals due to programs such as the CPN/WIC Program.

the North Reunion Hall will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

On Saturday, June 27, one station will remain at the Cultural Heritage Center, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. One station will be in the Administration Building, near the polls, from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; The North Reunion Hall will have two stations, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tribal Rolls will not be available Sunday June 28th.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Presents The 4th Annual "Day of Champions" Football Camp

**Date: Friday & Saturday,
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Time: 8 AM - 3 PM
Ages: 7-14 boys & girls**

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1601 S. Gordon Cooper Drive

For more information, contact Pam or Kay at 275-3121 or Jack Barrett at 405-802-2264

\$15.00 due at registration

Festival 2009



Among the new facilities CPN members will use at Family Reunion Festival 2009 are (in top photo) food-serving and dining pavilions and the new bathhouse, located immediately west of the prayer circle and Reunion Roundhouse.

as candidates for a four-year term as the representative for District #8, which stretches from Washington and Oregon eastward, including Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, North and South Dakota, and Nebraska. The candidates are Edward Anderson of Whitefish, Montana; Ginger Blackmon of Seward, Alaska; Dave Carney of Olympia, Washington; Patrick Shannon of Missoula, Montana; Clyde Slavin of Vancouver, Washington; and Keli Jo Willard of Bothell, Washington.

Scheduled activities at the 2009 Festival will keep tribal members of all ages busy and entertained, while they also participate in cultural and educational offerings.

The CPN National Art Contest will be on Saturday afternoon. CPN artists who are 16 and older are urged to take their entries to the Long Room in the Cultural Heritage Center at 2:00 p.m. on June 27 to register. The art will be judged during the annual General Council meeting.

CPN artists who are six through 15 years old can enter the Art Competition that will be held in the south parking lot at FireLake Discount Foods. Judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. Contestants should have their artwork at the judging site by 9:00 a.m. or shortly afterward. Veterans will be the subject of one of Festival

2009's important events. Leaders of the Citizen Potawatomi Veterans Organization will host a meeting of the Nation's U.S. Armed Forces veterans. It is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 27 at the Cultural Heritage Center.

Festival 2009 will honor eight of the Nation's Founding Families: Acton, Bergeron, Curley, Delonais, Greemore, Levier, Negahnquet, and Pambogo. Instead of the special tents, which have been made available to the honored families at past Festival, each of these families, will have a special area inside the Roundhouse at Peltier Park. These will serve as sites for special events for members of these families and as places for them to gather to renew old acquaintances.

The schedule of events for Festival 2008 retains the favorite activities that so many tribal members have enjoyed over the years. This Festival will be the fourth at which a significant number of tribal members receive their Potawatomi names.

With more activities than any single member can participate in ready and the grounds immaculately groomed, the administration of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and each of the approximately 2,000 CPN employees extend a hearty and heartfelt invitation to all tribal members.

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I believe our leaders should carry within themselves the patience to persist and a commitment to serve (in or out of elected positions). I am committed to these qualities. With your vote and participation, my work will seek to improve your relationship with Our tribe and its members.

May your days as Potawatomi be long and pleasant.

VOTE SLAVIN FOR DISTRICT 8 REPRESENTATIVE

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Remove the grain of sand from your shoe before the journey begins.



Elder of The Month: Loyd DeLonaís

by Sheila Hughes

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Elder of the Month is Loyd Francis Delonais. Our honoree was born on April 4, 1928 in a "tar-paper house, a one room shack" at Sacred Heart, Oklahoma. His grandmother, Mary Shopwatic, a full-blood Potawatomi, delivered him. "She was something else, so handy. She smoked a pipe and chewed tobacco," he said. "She lived next door, and was always there for us. She helped raise me." Loyd recalled.

His mother was Grace Higdon, of Irish descent, and his father was William B DeLonaís. He proudly claimed, "My mother was the brains and the backbone of the family. She went through the eighth grade. I sent money home while in the service. She saved most of it and bought me a 1938 Plymouth when I got home from the Navy. Daddy only went through the third grade, but he worked so hard!"

During his childhood, Delonais recalled, "the settlers were Germans, they owned everything, they kinda frowned on us Indians, but we didn't care. We had each other."

Mr. DeLonaís attended Mount St. Mary's Catholic School through the eighth grade. At age eight or nine, he would "take out of school in the fall because we had to pick cotton in order to buy our school clothes and help the family."

DeLonaís and his brother would walk three miles north with his parents at daylight and work until dark. "Every morning when the sun came up, we'd be sittin' on the side of the road waitin' to go to work. On the way home, when we got to the store, sometimes my daddy would buy us a Black Cow sucker. That really tickled us," he said with a laugh. "Back then everything was so poor, it was really bad in the 30s, but we didn't notice it, because everyone else was poor, too."

As he got older, the family moved north. Loyd attended one year at Ray City School. "I went from there to Maud School," he said.

When he was 15, his Aunt Ethel and Uncle Jack wanted him to live with them in Tulsa, Oklahoma, "to try and find work." It happened that one of their neighbors was also seeking employment. "We went to work building a school underpass on East Admiral," DeLonaís explained.



Loyd F. and Bobbie DeLonaís wed on April 27, 1957 at St. Joseph's Old Cathedral in Oklahoma City.

The next summer, his aunt and uncle had relocated in Stroud. Once again, Loyd went with them for the summer "My uncle Jack was a driller; one of his hands had gone in the service, so he asked me if I wanted to work as a roughneck," Loyd recalled. "I got paid a dollar an hour, 12 hours a day, seven days a week."

As a sophomore at Maud School, he and a friend decided to volunteer for the U.S. Navy. "We didn't have a birth certificate, but they said school records would work, so I got a friend to change the date to make me 17. But, daddy had to sign for me; that's how I got in the service," Loyd said.

In 1945, he was shipped to the Pacific islands. "My training was in landing crafts,

LCM. The war had ended, so instead of hauling troops, jeeps, or trucks, we hauled food and equipment to the ships that would come in to the harbor."

Following that, he drove a jeep for the Commanding Officer. Loyd was promoted and began running a picket bow. He explained, "It was used to clean the runways on the water so the sea planes could land."

In 1945, Loyd received an honorable discharge, returning to Maud to finish high school. During that time, he also drove the school bus for two years. "I made forty dollars a month," he said.

The Monday following his high school graduation, Loyd DeLonaís applied at



This photo, circa 1930, shows Loyd DeLonaís (left) and his brother William B. at Sacred Heart, Oklahoma.

Tinker Air Force Base, and soon began working there. There had been a storm. "So, we cleaned up," DeLonaís said. "I believe I swept every street there!"

He earned 91-cents an hour. "Then a buddy of mine and I joined the Marine Reserves for extra money, I was used to that dollar an hour, you see." Soon after, DeLonaís was called to active duty and once again went overseas to serve his country.

"On New year's Day of 1951 I went to Korea. I was trained in heavy weapons, he said. "But, because I had learned to type in school, I was placed in the S-3 office, which was a friendly situation." Gratefully, he said, "I guess there was always someone watching out for me." Loyd had gone overseas for the second time and had seen no combat with the enemy.

Mr. DeLonaís returned home with yet another honorable discharge in June of 1952. At that time, he resumed work at Tinker AFB: "This time I was working in aircraft storage."

For a third time, Loyd DeLonaís joined the service. He began full-time for the 305th Air Force Reserve Unit. During the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962, his unit was called to active duty. However, because of a minor physical impairment, he was reassigned to Aircraft Storage at Tinker AFB.

While living in Midwest City, Loyd met and married the former Bobbie Jean Hood. They were married at St. Joseph's Cathedral on April 27, 1957. She was also employed at Tinker AFB.

While Loyd worked on the 'swing
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REFLECTIONS ON THE LACROSSE SEASON

With the lacrosse season winding down, I finally have time reflect on this year's team's accomplishments. Our boys are doing a remarkable job, competing with more-experienced players around the area. Our team name is "*Gatinko*," meaning spotted eagle in the Potawatomi language. All over Oklahoma and Kansas, our Nation's name is being represented in a good way by the high school and middle school teams.

Some coaches have said, "Those Potawatomi have a lot of heart; they never quit." Reflecting on those words, I get a strong sense of pride in our Nation. Growing up, I knew I was Potawatomi and knew it was more than just having a Dad who is Indian. To me, it has been about being part of a group of proud people. When I would compete, as many of you do, I'm sure, I would have a *shkodansi* (fire spirit) burning inside. I wanted to do my best for my people and myself. *Gatinko* have that inspirational *shkodansi* as well.

We Potawatomi all share the same spirit and pride of our ancestors. This is what makes us unique, is our connection to our

past. Lacrosse is the modern-day version of the Creator's Game played in similar fashion. We all should feel good that we have a team of young men honoring our Nation in a good way here in Indian Country. It has been an honor to coach *Gatinko* and to see our strong Nation do great things in the community.

You are invited to join us for a Lacrosse Demonstration during Festival, at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 27 inside the CPN Child Development Center playground. We believe you will enjoy it immensely.

Kche Migwech,

Michael Dykstra/*Mshkwagishek*

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These young men have represented the CPN well as competitors on the Gatinko Lacrosse team. Kneeling, from left: Jason Dearth, Dakota Davis, James Coppock, Trey Hale, and Ryan Taylor. Standing, from left: Che Ellis (Marcum), Jayce Clay, Darrel Tiller, Evan Bias, Billy Barnes, Dalton Freeman, Caleb Brown, and Michael Dykstra.

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Some thoughts on this Potawatomi way of life

by Justin Neely, *Language Director*

One interesting thing about learning your language is that by learning some of the language you will gain a deeper understanding of your culture. There are all kinds of cultural truths inside our language. In fact, many words in our language can be taken apart and added to other words to create new words.

I have heard people say that our language isn't able to deal with more modern conveniences like TV, radio, refrigerators, etc. While these are foreign concepts in our language, they are not impossible to say. What I try to tell people is that it's about conversation. Being able to talk in the language should always be an end result. I mean, talk about whatever you want.

Sometimes with young people, I tell them that, because not very many people speak Potawatomi, it's like their own secret language. But, heck, it can be that for adults as well. When I am in public, I can have a full-scale conversation with my daughter or daughters and know that this conversation is just between us. There is something comforting about that. In a world where it seems everyone wants to get into everyone else's business, there still is a place where outsiders don't really go.

Learning the language will give you a completely new way of seeing the world. For example, the world is broken into animate and inanimate in Potawatomi - living or non-living. But, it's also segregated into the spiritual and the non-spiritual, as in motion or not in motion.

So, for example, when we say, "I see the sun," it literally means I see him/her that sun. Everything in nature is on an equal footing. It's also gender-neutral. We often refer to different animals and plants as 'our brother, the bear' or 'our sister, the tree.' The earth is called *sekmekwe* - mother earth or *nokmeskignan* - grandmother earth. We talk about the grass like the hair of our mother or grandmother. We pray and put down tobacco whenever we pick a plant or if we kill an animal. We thank that creature or plant for giving its life so that we can live. We never took more than we needed. We always respected the earth as a relative and as a caretaker.

Our sense of family runs deep and can be seen in our language. We talk about our mother's brother's children differently than our mother's sister's children or our father's brother's children. In English, you might say "This is my cousin." Then, the person would have to ask, "Oh, is it from your mom's family or your dad's?" In

Potawatomi, you already know.

We have a 'we', which includes everyone and one which excludes the person to whom we are talking. This clears up any misunderstandings about whether a person is going to participate in something or not.

I know for a lot of our membership there is the issue of blood degree or skin tone. Other tribes have made it a very serious issue, which can cause the tribe to cease to exist. Our tribe has had the vision to look past blood degree and accept all members as equals. This is a very comforting, progressive way of thinking. But each of us who are not the darkest of Indians knows the feeling of walking into an Indian Health Service clinic or joining an Indian organization or just standing up somewhere and saying, "I am Potawatomi." Sometimes you will get a glare from a member of another tribe who, based on his skin tone, might believe that we don't have a right to call ourselves Indian.

Speaking for myself, I know that if I go into a Wal-Mart or McDonalds, no one is going to immediately pick me out of the crowd and say, "Hey, that guy is Indian! Let's discriminate against him." However, don't for a minute forget that, although you may not have been treated that way, it doesn't mean your parents, grandparents, or even great-grandparents weren't treated that way.

Occasionally, someone approaches me to ask the \$24-million question. "How much Indian are you?" I usually look at him and say something akin to "How much European are you?" or get even more specific with "What percent Irish, Dutch, etc. are you?"

It's at that moment that most people tend to see just how ludicrous their statement is. I remind them that, even if I am not a full-blood or half-blood or even one-fourth Indian, that doesn't mean that hundreds, perhaps thousands, of generations my people were not.

You might be wondering what my point is. I'm saying that you have to take ownership of your tribe. Not financial but cultural ownership. Blood is only one of a series of things that makes us Potawatomi. Our history, culture, language, songs, ceremonies, and the like make us Potawatomi. We have a shared past - a past which involves forcible removal not once but many times. It includes our parents and

grandparents being taken from their families and put into boarding school to "kill the Indian to save the man."

By taking ownership in the tribe, you will also gain a sense of belonging and pride. You may be asking yourself, "This all sounds good. How do I take ownership in my tribe?"

It starts with very simple things such as saying, "Our tribe, or our people." Even little words like this will have a powerful effect on how you see things. It takes being engaged in the tribe. When you have the opportunity, come back to Shawnee and attend a festival. Or, take some time to learn more about our history. Vote. Let your voice be heard.

I am the Potawatomi language director so you didn't really think we could get to the end of this article without mentioning the language. The language is kind of like a bungee cord. It holds all of your precious cargo in place ... ties it all together.

The language will solidify your understanding of how our people saw, and continue to see, their place in the universe. Take an opportunity to learn your language. Feel a new sense of connectedness to our people. We have classes both on-site in Shawnee and online, as well as self-paced classes, also available online. I can guarantee you will never regret your decision to learn your language.

Today it's kind of funny, but I have attended a lot of different Potawatomi events and am familiar to a number of people. One particular event really sticks out in my mind. I was talking with a man from a different group of Potawatomi. He said, "She's an aptosi," about a lady in his own group. I just said, "Oh."

Well, aptosi means half-breed. He wasn't saying this to be mean. But, I realized that he no longer saw me by the color of my skin. For him, my interest in our culture and language had become an equalizer. I fit in.

Another event that I recall happened as I was asked to pray at a gathering of Indian people in Oklahoma City. I entered and, it could have been my age as well as my physical appearance, but they were wondering, "Where is the guy who was going to pray?" I told them, "I am right here."

I got up on that stand and looked around the room. I got the feeling some of those

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It's time to elect someone who will embrace our traditions, someone who will strive to improve the quality of life for "every" tribal member, someone who will have a positive impact on the present and the future, someone who will value our most precious resource "our people," someone who will welcome all people, and someone who will lead "our" people with wisdom and integrity.

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Jeremy Bennett, CPN member, to be D.C. intern

OSU senior chosen for Udall Congressional internship

(Stillwater, OK) - Oklahoma State University's Jeremy Bennett, a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member, is among 13 students from across the United States selected for the 2009 Native American Congressional Internship by the Morris K. Udall Foundation. The students represent 10 tribes and nine universities. Bennett is an environmental science senior from Oklahoma City.

The students were selected by an independent review committee of nationally recognized Native American educators and tribal policy leaders based on academic achievement and demonstrated commitment to careers in tribal public policy. The Foundation received a record number of applicants this year, and this group of interns represents one of the strongest classes the Udall Foundation has seen since starting the program in 1996.

This highly regarded internship program provides an insider's view of the federal government. The internship is located in Washington, D.C., and is known for placing Native students in competitive positions in Senate and House offices, committees, Cabinet departments, and the White House, where they are able to observe government decision-making processes first-hand.

The Foundation awards approximately 12 internships every summer on the basis of merit to Native Americans and Alaska Natives who are college juniors or seniors, recent graduates from tribal or four-year colleges, or graduate or law students who have demonstrated an interest in fields related to tribal public policy. These fields include tribal governance, tribal law, Native American education, Native American health, Native American justice, natural resource protection, cultural preservation and revitalization, and Native American economic development.

This year, in accordance with a partnership with First Alaskans Institute, the number of Udall Interns increased to 13. The 13 new Udall Interns will complete an intensive, 10-week internship in the summer of 2009. Special enrichment activities will provide opportunities to meet with key decision-makers. Since its inception in 1996, 149 Native American/Alaska Native students from 84 tribes have participated in the program.



CPN member Jeremy Bennett will invest the summer of 2009 as a Washington, D.C. intern through the Udall Foundation.

Bennett is the only student from an Oklahoma college or university selected for this year's Congressional internship class.

The Morris K. Udall Foundation is an independent federal agency that was creat-

ed by Congress in 1992 to honor Congressman Udall's legacy of public service. Congressman Udall served in the House of Representatives for three decades, a career distinguished by civility, integrity, and consensus. He championed the rights of Native Americans and Alaska Natives, using his leadership in Congress to strengthen tribal self-governance and national environmental policy.

The Foundation's education programs are supported by a trust fund in the U.S. Treasury and contributions from the private sector. The Udall Foundation also includes the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, which assists in resolving conflicts related to the environment, public lands, and natural resources.

For additional information on the Native American Congressional Internship Program, please visit the foundation's Web site at www.udall.gov/Default.aspx or contact Colin Ben at 520-901-8568 or ben@udall.gov.

I am excited about the recent changes to our constitution that make a representative government possible. I believe that a representative government must include a broad base of people from our proud nation. We must encourage input from our young, building their leadership capacity, in order to bring forward a new generation of leaders. At the same time, we must engage our elders to share the stories of the past in order to learn from our successes and our failures.

I believe I bring a strong practical and theoretical background as a leader who will benefit the Northwest Region and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in cultivating a range of voices to continue the growth our nation has enjoyed under Chairman Barrett's leadership. As we move beyond the initial implementation stages of our new form of government, it is critical to have a legislator who can listen with an open mind and appreciate all sides of an issue before making decisions. I bring to this role the ability to look beyond the rhetoric on important issues, asking the difficult questions and getting to deeper understanding so as to make the best possible decisions for our people.

As an educator with 15 years of experience, eight of those years as a principal, I have a grasp on the needs of the young who are the future of our nation. Decisions regarding health care, education, and the preservation of our history must encompass their needs in an ever-changing world. Further, we must seek to bridge the gap between our elders and our young by capitalizing on modern technologies for communication that will develop mentoring relationships.

My grandmother, Philonise Williams, served our nation as the Regional Representative from Phoenix, Arizona. I wish to honor my grandmother by also serving our people through active participation in our government.

I ask that you cast your vote for Ginger L. Blackmon, Ed.D., in the upcoming election.

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Health Aid Foundation

Hello,

My name is Amber Brewer; I am the Administrative Assistant for the Health Aid Foundation. I've been in this position for 11 years.

The program has changed very much in these past years. Several devices have been added to the list of prosthetics that we help with, and in 2003, the Business Committee extended the eligibility by ten years and 6 months. The files have grown from about 1,000 to more than 4,000.

The first year I was here, I would receive an average of 40 applications each month. In the past year, that number has climbed to 150 applications per month. In 1998 the program paid tribal members \$106,731.41 for their prosthetic devices, in 2008 the amount climbed to \$434,652.88.

When I first started working with this program, we didn't have a computer program for it. HAF records were hand-written or typed with a typewriter. Last year, Saul Ortiz of the Information Technology Department designed a new computer program for us. This has been a Godsend.

I thought I would tell you a little about the process your application goes through once you send it. When I receive an application, I gather the information that I need to put into the computer. This includes the device's cost, the date of service, if the device was paid-for in full, any information that is missing, when the application was sent and received, and the Vendor's information, such as the address and phone number.

After I have gathered this information, I go to the computer to check the tribal member's information, correcting old phone numbers and addresses. The vendor information is then added, updated, or corrected.

Once all the correct information is in the program, I put the data in for the application. It is then printed out and attached to

your statement.

The Health Aid Foundation committee members approve or deny the applications on the third Thursday of every month. Applications received after the Monday before the meeting are rolled over to the next month's meeting.

I then send requests for checks to the Accounting Department for the applicants who have received their devices. This process can take one to two weeks. Once I receive the checks from accounting, I mail them.

Denied applicants are mailed a denial letter along with the information that was attached to the application. The applications that require further information such as an itemized statement, insurance statement, or other information are mailed approval letters requesting what is needed to process payment.

Some might not realize that, with the new privacy laws, it is almost impossible for us to get information from a vendor. This is why sending all the information required is so important.

The process can take four to six weeks, if all the information has been sent with the application. Otherwise, the process can take much longer.

The Health Aid Foundation does not pay on estimates or treatment plans. Payment cannot be processed until the device has been received and the insurance has paid its portion. We cannot accept insurance estimates because, at times, the insurance does not pay what is estimated. That would mean you would not receive the correct amount from the Health Aid Foundation.

I hope this gives some understanding as to why the process can take so long. Director Joyce Abel and I are here to help. If you ever have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

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folks were looking at me and perhaps questioning what this young, pale-skinned Indian could possibly have to say. Then I started to pray in our beautiful Potawatomi language.

I saw the prejudgment melt away. I could see people's minds change. It's kind of hard to explain if you have never had something like that happen to you. I have heard some of our elders talk about the power of this language. I truly saw the

power that day.

So, take an opportunity when you have it to learn more about your culture, your history, your traditions, your stories, and your language. Participate in your tribe not only by coming back to Shawnee for Family Reunion Festival but take the time to vote. Make a point of going to Potawatomi events when they come to your area. Take ownership in these things, and you will forever be thankful that you did.

Notice on Scholarship Payments

Scholarship awards for the summer semester are currently being processed and mailed. A change in the procedure of disbursements has begun. In the past, checks were mailed directly to the school, including a letter posting instructions. In some instances, the institution disregarded the instructions or misplaced the checks causing payment delays. Another reason for delays was students failing to supply Tribal Rolls correct mailing addresses.

To eliminate this problem, Tribal Rolls is now issuing scholarship checks directly to the students. The checks will still need to be co-endorsed. But, direct mailing should expedite payment to the school. If alternative procedures are needed because of a particular academic procedure, please notify this office to ensure that your check is handled properly.

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Heritage Happenings
by Cindy Stewart

It is a great privilege for the Cultural Heritage Center staff to serve you, the tribal member, in the task we have before us. The various departments within the CHC are diligently working to make this an enjoyable and informative Family Reunion Festival. We are preparing new and exciting things to share with you during Festival 2009.

Highlights for this year's festival are the Library and its extensive growth, with books donated by Mr. Jerry Lewis; the Bourbannais Cabin and a collection of artifacts on loan from Mary Lou Post and family as well as additional items donated by Carl Kime; sketches done by Jim Post of various vital subjects within the tribe; and new items for sale, such as Cultural Heritage Center t-shirts and tote bags, among many logoed items.

Have you even wanted to learn to play a flute or maybe learn to play a flute that you made yourself? Well, here is your chance. We will have flute-making classes, and you'll learn to play your flute at the Festival. But, you need to call so we can get you on the schedule. The cost of the class will be \$25, which will include the materials for the flute.

Also, you can make your own shawl for Grand Entry. Cost has not yet been determined. Please call Penny or Cindy at 405-878-5830 to obtain your spot in either class. This is only a portion of what we have planned for Festival, so come expecting to have a good time.

Progress is evident within the Nation, and we move forward with anticipation of what is to come. We are fortunate to be a part of this great mission, and we look forward to seeing each of you for Family Reunion Festival.

2009 Honored Family Video
Premieres

Preserving Potawatomi Heritage

by Leslie Gee

Tribal Heritage Project Manager

Family Reunion Festival is upon us once again, and Tribal Heritage Project is very proud to present the 2009 Honored Citizen Potawatomi Family Videos:

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The videos will premiere in the Voices of Heritage Theatre at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center on Saturday, June 26. They will be available thereafter for viewing with the other videos in the series.

Tribal Heritage Project would like to thank all of you who have made the effort to share a piece of tribal family history. This project could not happen without the active participation of tribal members like you. By taking the time to interview and share invaluable photographs, you are helping document and preserve your family's story for future generations.

Each family's story is both unique and universal. Each adds color and texture to the tribe's history, by painting a vivid picture of the experience of the Citizen Potawatomi as a whole. While each family's history varies greatly, they are all bound together by a common thread, that of incredible strength and courage in the face of adversity, of sacrifice and hope for future generations.

The staff of Tribal Heritage Project is honored to be a part of this effort. We have met so many of you and thank you for sharing these experiences. Often times, we hear you come into an interview saying you don't have anything to share, but it always becomes clear that, once we begin talking, what you have to share is invaluable. Each one of you is a part of this story. And, it is begging to be told.

The completed videos are only a glimpse into tribal family histories, and are intended as an introduction to the explo-

ration of tribal family history. The tribal archives hold beautiful pieces of your family's story. From them, we are able to piece together a history, bring to life, if just for a moment, the ancestors who sacrificed all so that you could be here today. Over time, we will add to the already completed projects and have the opportunity to explore other major areas of focus in the tribe's history that are common to so many you.

Please stop in for an interview during this festival season. Add a face and a voice to your name. We would love to see you.

2009 Family Reunion Festival Activities
by Stacy Coon

Well folks the time is upon us. I just wanted to give everyone a heads up again about what is happening here at the CHC as far as my duties go. First, I would like to remind everyone again that the Smithsonian NMAI Object Inventory will be available for you to view via computers in the Family Research Area at the CHC.

I will be located at the counter in the Long Room, and encourage the Veterans to see me if they have any questions about the Veterans Wall of Honor and/or how to get your picture and/or memorabilia on display on the Veterans' Hall of Honor located at the CHC. I will be there starting Wednesday, June 24 for those of you who like to come early, and will be there through Saturday, June 27.

Also, I am looking for a Tribal Veteran who has a pair of ACUs with a Softcap and Boots to be put on display on the VWOH. I would like to designate this case to those who are currently serving overseas. So, if anyone has any of these articles, please contact me through the CHC or see me in the Long Room during Festival. I look forward to seeing everyone!



New at FireLake Gifts
by Penny Coates

We have just received a new shipment of Horse Hair Pottery. It is made by using hair from the tail and mane of a horse. Producing it is very labor-intensive and has become popular with locals. Every pot is original and hand-etched by Native American crafters.

New books for sale include "Sacred Smoke – The Ancient Art of Smudging for Modern Times," "Native Plants Native Healing- Traditional Muskogee Way," and "Native American Beadwork,"

We have a great selection of Minnetonka moccasins just in ... low style to knee-high lace-ups. We have several baby styles also. We have Kachinas, also called Long Hairs. These are hand carved wooden dolls representing the spirit essence of everything in the real world. Custom framed and matted family posters are now available, along with new and beautiful Native American-made jewelry - silver and turquoise, from squash blossoms to fetish necklaces. We have local Native-made beaded jewelry: necklaces, bracelets, watches, hatbands, and barrettes.

The CPN lapel pin inlaid in beautiful beadwork which was spotlighted in last month's *HowNiKan* has become quite a hit, and a limited supply is available.

Also, we have several new ceremonial items and many beautiful dance shawls.

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District #1 - Roy Slavin

Bozho, Nikan

The last of the area gatherings for this year has come and gone. It was in Alexandria, Virginia. District Nos. 1 and 2 shared this one, and it was a great success. I especially want to thank all the District #1 people who attended, and say how nice it was to meet and visit with you.

This was my first visit to the Washington D.C. area so my wife Julia and I got to do some sightseeing. We were accompanied by District #4 Rep. Theresa Adame, her husband Dominique, and their friend Ron, who had worked for the D.C. parks department in the past. Thus, we had a very knowledgeable guided tour, including the politics of why and how some of the monuments were designed.

Being a veteran of the Korean era, I was especially impressed by the Korean War monument and the accuracy of the figures depicted. It is impossible to describe the emotions as we walked through Arlington National Cemetery where some but not all of our nation's heroes are buried. Of course, you cannot watch the changing of the guard at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier with dry eyes.

Before I leave this topic, I must thank our gracious host in Virginia, District #2 Eva Marie Carney (District 2) and her family for their wonderful hospitality.

As I am writing this, we are looking forward to the Pow Wow at Ohio State University organized by District #1 member Denise Allman. Then comes the Family Reunion Festival at Shawnee. It is my hope to see many members (all) of District #1 there. Lets make the last weekend in June in Shawnee a vacation destination,

I can promise you if you make the trip once it will become an annual event, where you will meet many new friends and new family members you were not aware of. District #1 is going to have a hand-game team for the Festival competition. If you



are interested in participating, please let me know. Our team name is "NENJEN CHICKASEN WEDASEJEK (HAND GAME BRAVES)." Being from District #1, we intend to be #1 in hand games also.

Then we must make plans to attend the "Gathering of Nations" at Mayetta, Kansas, August 6, 7, 8, and 9. This is another great opportunity to meet new friends and family members.

Don't forget that time to request an absentee ballot is running short. Absentee ballot requests must be postmarked no later than June 7. Voted absentee ballots must arrive at the Tecumseh, Oklahoma post office no later than 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 27.

If you don't receive e-mail updates from me, it is because I do not have your e-mail address. Please send it to me. I can be reached at 816-741-5767 or 880-741-5767. My e-mail addresses are RSlavin@Potawatomi.org or RJSlavin@sbcglobal.net. I can be reached via regular mail at 6730 N.W. Tower Drive, Kansas City, MO 64151.

Megwetch
Roy Slavin
Legislator, District #1

District #2 - Eva Marie Carney

Hello, Fellow CPN District No. 2 Citizens,

I am writing this column on a hard deadline so you will be treated to brevity -- something new from me!

Some of you who are reading this are fortunate enough to be making plans to attend the Family Reunion Festival. For those who are not, I hope you are able to attend the Festival in the future. In case you haven't noticed the pattern, every year the Festival takes place during the last weekend in June (this should help you in making future plans).

My Potawatomi name, *Ojindiskwe*, or Bluebird Woman, for me signifies my obligation to help bring our people -- traditionally, the blues and the reds, the colors of the bluebird -- together, and I am striving to do that in my work as a Legislator. The Festival is a real-time, really fun way of uniting us as a community and a Nation. I plan to be "flying around" our reservation lands throughout the weekend trying to take part in as many activities as possible and meeting up with many friends, old and new. I hope you are among them.

If you haven't done it yet, you can register for this year's Festival right on the CPN's Web site (there's a registration link on the www.potawatomi.org home page), or you can call the Nation at 800-880-9880. And, you don't have to camp or come in an RV, if that's not your thing. There are hotels to stay at -- a Holiday Inn, a Days Inn, a La Quinta, and a Super 8, among others. If you fly into Oklahoma City's very nice airport (Will Rogers World), it's about a one-hour drive to Shawnee. Please call or e-mail me if you want more details.

Please, send me your contact details. Building community is an e-mail-by-e-mail endeavor -- please make sure you are included in upcoming mailings!

The Legislature met again on Thursday, May 28. Next month I will brief you on the many resolutions we considered, many of them authorizing applications for federal Recovery Act funding of our "shovel-ready" projects.

Please visit www.evamariecarney.com, my Web site. If you've been thinking about ordering eagle feathers, or naming your relatives, or getting reimbursement for your eyeglasses or hearing aid, you can find the applications and instructions read-



ily through links on the site. I am working on a password-protected part of the site which will include various information on our ceremonies that I had on the site earlier but took down in response to strong negative reaction from a few citizens outside District #2 who e-mailed me their objections to such information being made available to just anyone with an Internet connection. Keep checking back for that innovation.

In order to vote in this year's CPN election, you have to vote and return your absentee ballot. If you haven't yet, please do so today. Let's make District #2 District #1 when it comes to percentage of eligible voters who cast votes in this important election! Remember that postage is already on the return envelope for your voted absentee ballot. Or, if you prefer, you can attend the Festival and vote in person from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Tribal Courtroom in the Tribal Administration Building.

Thank you for the honor of representing you. I am excited about what we can accomplish during the upcoming four-year term.

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District #3 - Robert Whistler

Bozho, CPN Citizens:

Recently, I was at a medical research facility. They had a series of posters that covered what the medical field believes will result in a full life. There are seven areas that when used as suggested, should give the desired results. They are air, food, exercise, sleep, relationships, goals, and water.

In the area of air, the poster on that advised we need plenty of fresh air and that when we use circulated air systems, we should be changing the filters at least every 90 days. We also need to be looking for ways to reduce or eliminate air pollution.

Food, of course, covered eating all of the recommended food groups correctly. As Native Americans, we have a very high incidence of diabetes. Food and other factors play an important role here. For those with type II diabetes, many doctors recommend that you limit your carbohydrate consumption and eat six small meals each day.

Per the posters and information regarding diabetics, exercise is needed for weight control. Many become diabetics because they are overweight. Men per my own physician need about 30 minutes of good fast walking at least every other day. He also advised that females need an additional 10 minutes due to a different metabolism and physical makeup. If you walk about two miles in 30 minutes, you have met the basic criteria here.

Information on sleep was very interesting. Not only did I learn much from the posters, but the internet has been carrying short articles on this subject. All advise that children need 10 to 12 hours sleep each night. Adults need eight hours. Sleep actually resets the body clock for appetite along with producing hormones that protect us against germs and infections. Lack of enough sleep tends to increase your desire for food and potential for being overweight. A recent statistic indicated almost 20 percent of children in the US are overweight by the time they are eight years old. Here we go with the beginning of potential diabetes in the long run in our young.

Relationships are a must to make us feel needed and to feel good about ourselves. You have someone to talk to about areas



that motivate your body and brain into action, along with benefits in a variety of other areas.

Goals give you something to live for and, as you reach each accomplishment, you feel good about yourself. Without goals, what is there to live for? If you look at the elders, you see that they are still active and are basically following the seven areas I have covered.

On the subject of water, they are recommending that good clean fresh water is an absolute must. Other recent information indicates tap water in most cases is just fine. Bottled water is great but there may be some brands that really aren't giving you any more than what you would get right out of your kitchen faucet.

Moreover, there are warnings out advising bottled water should not be left in a hot car for hours, let alone days. Supposedly there may be some leeching of chemicals from the plastic into the water. I'm not sure of the validity of this, but if you're going to use bottled water, you may want to keep it at cooler temperatures.

In mid-April, the University of North Texas held a forum on International Indigenous and American Indian Initiatives. One of the main topics covered involved water. It was an event over several days. I attended the open forum of their Indigenous Council hosted by the UNT First Nations Council student organization.

The forum was attended by many honored guests, including the highly respected

Kickapoo War Chief, 89 year old George Whitewater. He is a very wise man who gave us a glimpse of his life experiences, goals, relationships, etc.

Also in attendance was Casey Camp-Horinek, a Ponca who lives with about 650 others of the Ponca tribe in the Ponca City, Oklahoma area. She briefed us on the fact that the groundwater and soil in their area has been and continue to be contaminated with mercury and lead along with other minerals very hazardous to humans. Much of it is coming from the Conoco-Phillips refinery and other industrial manufacturers in that city's southern region.

Approximately 50 Ponca citizens are "walking on" each year from a variety of cancers.

I am devoting more time on water, because a representative from the Oklahoma office of the U.S. Geological Survey/Oklahoma Water Science Center also attended this event. She and I had time to chat for a few moments. I learned from her that many Native Americans still live in rural areas in the U.S. Many of them live in Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas, as well as the four-corner states (New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, and Utah).

She went on to say, that many may be using water wells on their property and that, although it may be tested, the test is

for bacteria only! Routinely, no tests are made for heavy metals or other contaminants hazardous to your health. This is probably what happened in the Ponca City area. She also advised that wells near the Norman, Oklahoma area might have some contamination.

I was very happy to learn that our CPN environmental group works with the Oklahoma Water Science Center and the water on our tribal land is tested for all types of hazards.

For any of you who draw your water from a well on your own property and live in an area where there has been any kind of commercial enterprises or near Norman, Oklahoma, you may want to have it tested for heavy metals when it is tested for bacteria and other routine pollutants.

In closing, I believe that the seven items covered are the core elements to reaching a full life. Here is to a long and happy life to each of you and your family!

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Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations

The 2009 Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations will be hosted by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. The dates are August 6-9, 2009.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation members who would like to ride a bus from CPN headquarters in Shawnee to the Gathering site in Mayetta, Kansas should contact Cathie Hanson at CPN HQ as soon as possible. Her telephone number is 405-275-3121 or 800-880-9880. Her e-mail address is CHanson@Potawatomi.org.



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District #4 - Theresa Adame

Dear 4th District Citizens

I returned recently from the East Coast Tribal Gathering. I was able to go in a couple days early and see many sights with Rep. Roy Slavin and his wife. It was such a privilege to tour the Arlington Cemetery and military memorial with a man who has served our country with such honor. I told some attendees at the Gathering that it bodes well that legislators could travel together that long and still get along.

The Gathering had a great turnout of about 100 people. I was impressed by the distance many of the people had traveled. While in Virginia, I was excited to meet a man who is my third-cousin. Fred Clark and I are both great-grandchildren of Julia Burns. He was named in a beautiful but very wet ceremony on Sunday, along with seven others.

The Wabaunsee County Sesquicentennial Celebration was held on June 6, 2009. This daylong event happened on the street in front of the courthouse in Alma, Kansas. Descendants of Chief Wabaunsee were among those who attended.

Please remember to return your voted ballots request forms to CPN Election Committee, P.O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873, in the provided Business Reply Mail envelope. This is a very important election; our highest office in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is up for election. As



well, my position as Legislator for the fourth District is on the ballot. I would appreciate your vote and continued support.

I am working on a mailing list for updates to people who do not have e-mail. If you are interested, please contact me by phone 785-584-6822. If I am not available, please leave your name and address; I will confirm with you that I have received the information.

I hope to meet many of you at festival. Please stop by the legislative tent. We had many raffle items last year. I presume this year will be the same.

As always, you can contact me with questions and concerns.

Theresa Adame
Fourth District Representative

District #5 - Gene Lambert

We are just a few weeks away from the Festival we look forward to every year. While you are there, it will be a time to vote for your candidate. Others will see this time as a family reunion. Many of you attend to pursue the opportunity to participate in competitions for dance, archery, native crafts, and art and eat plenty of food. Some enjoy the outdoors with the togetherness of family, camping, and games.

Personally, I like to visit with all our families and catch up on what has been going on in their lives since our last meeting. (We are family you know.)

If this is your first time to come home or your 100th, there is always something new to see and experience. When you leave, you will have more understanding of tradition and the ways of the Potawatomis. (That's you and your ancestors.)

It is also a time for gratitude for the accomplishments of the CPN, and there are many.

We do not always agree or see eye-to-eye as legislators, but we all do have a love for our people. I once heard someone say, "If you always agree, one of you is not necessary."

Take the time to talk to your Legislators via e-mail, telephone, or letters or while you are back home in Shawnee for the



gathering. Let them know how you see things or what you would like to see. We are still in the formative stages, and truly need your comments.

In time, we will be able to bend, mold, and regenerate a Nation, and we will continue to be proud of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. United we stand.

God Bless you all and I look forward to seeing you there.

Gene Lambert,
Legislator, District #5

District #7 - Thom Finks

Bozho

Greetings from Northern California, where the weather is now going directly from winter to summer. We have had a cold and wet winter, extending far into the spring, and we're ready for warm but were told that this weekend we'll be in triple digits. This is quite like Oklahoma, I'm told. So, if I ever decide to move to elder housing, at least I'll be acquainted with the unexpected changes.

Local powwows are in the works and so is our Festival. If you've never been, I strongly encourage you to attend.

This year's Festival will be especially energized because of the strong undercurrent of the election for tribal Chairman. That is not to minimize the Legislative elections for they are just as important. The legislative representatives are an integral part of our new government, and I'm



NOTICE

As noted in the ad on page 6, FireLake Designs is offering the opportunity to have Festival posters made for the eight Honored Families during Family Reunion Festival 2009. Those families are Acton, Bergeron, Curley, Delonais, Greemore, Levier, Negahnquet, and Pambogo.

To make some of the posters available before Festival ends, FireLake Designs must have the photos in hand by 12:00 Noon on Saturday, June 27. This will require some planning and organization by these families. Please appoint a representative for your Honored Family to gather members together and to disseminate information about site and time of the photo shoot.

The photos will be shot with families seated in the Dance Arena stands, as for the Slavin family photos from 2008. Each family should contact Public Information Director Michael Dodson for a photo shoot time, on the half-hour between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon on June 27. Call 275-3121 or 800-880-9880 or e-mail MDodson@Potawatomi.org.

sure that they understand the commitment and importance of the task before them. I wish the candidates well and know that the right choices will surface for the highest good of our tribe.

Many potential voters have questioned the issue of experience. There is no better experience gained than on the job training – look at our Chairman and how much experience he had when he came to the job.

As for my region, I have had questions regarding absentee ballots. If you have any questions regarding these ballots, please feel free to call me for assistance. You can also find instructions on the tribal Web site, www.Potawatomi.org.

I would like to personally invite everyone back to Festival. Local people reading this column, I encourage you to vote. You

have a nine-hour span in which to do so in person on Saturday, June 27 at the Tribal Courtroom in the Administration Building in Shawnee. Please incorporate this important privilege into your day.

Absentee voters, get your ballots sent in, even if you don't think your vote will make a difference. This is the one time where your voice can be heard, loud and clear! Vote for the candidate of your choice. This year it can truly be stated that for a change, there's a choice.

Please contact me for any information and send me your contact information so that we can stay in touch.

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District #9 - Paul Wesselhöft

Oklahoma will Lose Water Rights!

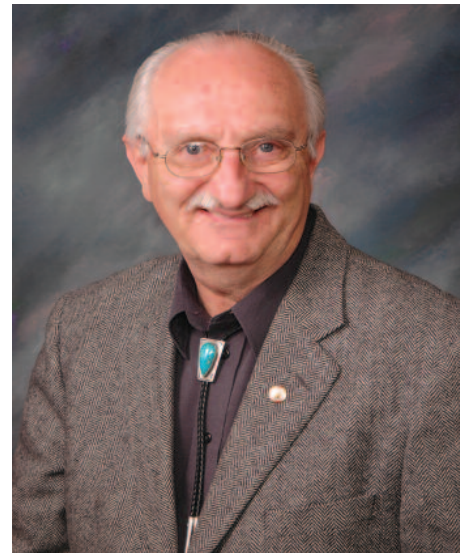
Oklahoma will lose her water rights to Texas is my prediction. I hope it will not come true. However, this prediction is based upon solid information coming from \$400-an-hour attorneys hired by Oklahoma. (Texas attorneys are paid \$1200 per hour.)

I believe this is the greatest (and most underreported) issue facing Oklahoma! If Oklahoma loses to Texas, it will make the annual Red River Rivalry look like child's play. Multiplied millions of dollars are involved here. Historically, a "border war" was in the offing when the border was drawn between the two states.

So, Texas is suing Oklahoma over water rights, no longer to buy our water but to take our water free. No, this is not a misprint! Oklahoma had an opportunity to sell water to Tarrant County (the Fort Worth area) but Eastern and Western Oklahoma rural legislators could not come to an agreement other than a moratorium not to sell water and to study the issue for a decade.

Consequently, as that moratorium expires in November 2009, the lawsuit goes to the 10th Circuit Court in Denver a month later. The court will look to other interstate commerce judgments to come to its conclusion.

Unfortunately for Oklahoma, the other two cases are judgments for Texas over New Mexico for the use of water and a judgment for Kansas over Colorado for the



use of water. This does not look good for Oklahoma.

If Oklahoma loses this case, Texas will be allowed to come into the interior of Oklahoma some 50 miles upstream to tap our drinkable water before that water flows into the Red River. Our unused water that eventually flows into the Red is not suitable for drinking.

I implore all Indian tribes, now, to assert their water rights. The right and sovereignty of tribes to their water may possibly save Oklahoma water rights. The tribes involved in this issue will likely be involved in the lawsuit. I hope and pray that a tribe's sovereignty extends to her water, but time will tell.

District #10 - David Barrett

Bozho,

Memorial Day has come and gone, reminding us how precious a time it really is in our lives. This day holds many meanings for people. For some families, it's celebrating the good times and experiences they had with their loved ones. It also provides an opportunity to recognize the millions of Americans who have fought in foreign countries and made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. But, what about those men who fought for our independence at the onset? Many people believe our freedom is free.

The members of the Second Continental Congress belonged to the elite of colonial society. They were men of status and wealth, men who, in normal circumstances, might be expected to shrink from the very word "rebellion" and seek shelter under the comforting mantle of established authority.

Yet, in July 1776, these men, successful lawyers, merchants, ministers, plantation owners, and a sprinkling of artisans, signed their names to one of the most revolutionary documents of modern times in which they pledged to each other "our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor" in the cause of Americans' independence and the seemingly visionary ideal that "all men are created equal."

On July 4, 1776, representatives of those Colonies met in the Continental Congress to formalize that rebellion by adopting a Declaration of Independence. No man among those present could, on that day, foresee the outcome; yet each well knew that before peace was restored, he and his countrymen would have to endure a long period of privation and strife. This took five more years before Britain was forced to yield.

Thus was the United States of America born - not a nation at first, but a loosely knit confederation brought together by common dissatisfactions and shared aspirations.

As a veteran, I'm always proud of how freedom was born and how we have to continually nourish and protect it as we would if it was our own child.



Looking from the Potawatomis' past to our future, I can see the strife and the vision that our people have had to endure in their lives. This has not stopped us from striving to accomplish a better Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Continuing the comparison to the Second Continental Congress, our Potawatomi people are as entrepreneurial, as visionary, as hard-working as the men and women who created the United States. Citizen Potawatomi are as cutting-edge today as the Founding Fathers were, back in the day.

What an honor and privilege it is to be part of this historical era on our path to becoming the first American Indian Tribe to have Tribal Legislative districts across our 50 states. However, to continue to keep and accomplish those visionary goals, we have to unite our people in getting them more involved for those common goals.

I am looking forward to seeing and speaking to as many CPN members as I can during our upcoming Festival. Please be sure to drop by the Legislator's tent. Come and have fun, be sure to vote, eat, and attend the General Council. As always, it's a privilege to serve our tribe.

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District #11 - Lisa Kraft

Having dual citizenship in the United States of America and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is a blessing of immeasurable value. From childhood, to maturity, and through retirement, we are each touched in one way or another by the decisions our tribal and national leaders make. In addition, when we exercise our voting privileges, we vote in candidates and legislative representatives who generally align with our personal views. As those views are expressed in laws, each of us, as members of both Nations, are directly impacted.

On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) was signed into law. Upon its enactment, \$787 billion was authorized: to Federal agencies; state and local governments; and essentially, taxpayers, students, social services recipients, small business owners, and the list goes on. In just a short period of time, from March 20 to May 1, Federal agencies have received approximately \$88 billion and have awarded \$28.6 billion to grant recipients and contractors.

Having worked in the federal grant and contract arena for over a dozen years, I am in awe at the speed with which the money is hitting the streets. Leading these efforts, so far, are the departments of Health and Human Services, Education, Labor, and Transportation. As quickly as these agencies are receiving funding commitments, they are getting monies out the door - some quicker than others, like the Department of Agriculture (\$820 million), Labor (\$12 billion), and Health and Human Services (\$15 billion). You can follow these investments at www.Recovery.gov.

The Recovery Act is funneling over \$126 billion into Infrastructure and Science, \$142 billion to Protect the Vulnerable, \$78 billion for Education, \$66 billion for Energy, \$60 billion in Healthcare, and the remainder in Tax Relief and State and Local Fiscal Relief. Of the total Recovery Act, the Secretary of the Interior just announced that \$3 billion would be invested in projects for federally recognized Indian tribes across America. If you are glazing over at these staggering dollar amounts, join the crowd.

So what does all this mean to you as a dual citizen? In my honest opinion, the Recovery Act has opened the flood gates



of opportunity. One simply has to ask for specific help, apply for a job, bid on a contract, write a grant, or become a volunteer to assist others. The Recovery Act has even made it a priority to do business with minority contractors, rehire Federal retirees, and rapidly hire veterans. In fact, the Department of Defense announced that it will use \$835 million to construct and improve 850 Army and Army National Guard facilities in 37 states. This is fantastic news for those of you in the construction industry or who are certified minority contractors. Half of this money will be spent in Oklahoma, Texas, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Hawaii. For Federal contracting opportunities visit www.FBO.gov, and for Federal employment opportunities go to www.USAJobs.gov.

To see where the money is going in your particular region or state, again, you can track these figures daily at www.Recovery.gov or on your state's official Web site. In Oklahoma, the link is <http://www.ok.gov/recovery/>.

If you are interested in applying for a Federal grant, there are more than 1,000 programs from 26 different Federal agencies. Just visit www.Grants.gov to see the announcements. If you are in need of a business loan, I recommend contacting the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Community Development Corporation (CPN-CDC) at 405-878-4697 or toll free at 800-880-9880. You can also familiarize yourself with the types of government loans at www.GovLoans.gov.

Not sure what benefits you and your

family qualifies for? Visit www.GovBenefits.gov to find out. Remember, as a dual citizen, you may also be eligible for many services and benefits at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation (www.Potawatomi.org).

I realize that I have listed enough links

to keep you busy for several hours, but I believe now, more than ever, a window or door is out there this very minute just waiting for you to make the decision to open it.

As always, I am thinking Potawatomi.

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District #12 - Paul Schmidtkofer

Bozho, nikan!

I hope this issue of the *HowNiKan* finds each of you in good health and spirits.

In the previous edition of the *HowNiKan*, there was an article about my Aunt Mary. It was a bit of a surprise to me as I thought it would be in next month's edition. However, it was a pleasant surprise just the same. We all have elders in our family. I am lucky enough to still have several of them. Last summer at the Family Reunion Festival, I got to see my Aunt Mary and Aunt Rita, both. Recently, I had a nice phone call with my Uncle Joe. These relatives help keep us on track. I am appreciative of all of them.

As kids, we would spend part of our summers at their houses. I have many fond memories of summers at Aunt Mary's and Aunt Rita's. There were a couple of summers spent at my Uncle Birney's, also. With five boys in the house, it was a nice break to see someone else in the summer.

A couple of you have called about the article on Aunt Mary. There was a small typographical error. It lists my great-grandmother as a Greenwood. That should have said Greemore, as several of you stated. It was just a small mistake. But, once caught, it was a little late to correct as it was already printed. I appreciate Sheila's effort on the article. She put many hours into it, and it was very well-written. Sometimes, we forget about our family members from time to time. This article will be kept in a safe place for future generations to have. I suspect there might have been a couple things in it some of my relatives weren't aware of so it will also help inform us about things we might have not known.

I am lucky to have a couple cousins who have done extensive family histories. It becomes obvious that many of us are related. This brings a new meaning to the phrase "To all my relations," as it becomes all of us in pretty short order. I am a descendant of Anthony Tessier, Clarissa Greemore, Catherine Bourbonnais, Elizabeth Ouilmatt, Catherine Welch, and



Rosalie Toupin to name a few. So, right there I become related to a whole bunch of tribal members. I believe that we are all fairly closely related.

I hope as we move forward in the future we can all start to cooperate and function more like a family. It has historically been the way of our tribe, to help all the membership out as if they were family. That is why many of the elected leaders over the years have volunteered their time to the tribe. Their desire was to help us maintain our heritage.

When we look around Indian Country today, we see many tribes that have taken the per capita path. In many cases, this has led to loss of tribal identity. We were up in Wisconsin a few years back. As I was talking to one of the leaders of one of our sister tribes, he mentioned the drawbacks his tribe has experienced since this type of benefit was started. He had seen loss of motivation among his members. Addictive lifestyles had become the norm.

It was not a pretty story. And, in hindsight, he said he wished he had fought harder to not let it happen. Depending on how you look at it, we are either fortunate or unfortunate that we are not faced with this problem, at least not on the scale that would allow a person to be supported financially.

Over the years I have had numerous

conversations with tribal members, and with few exceptions, they felt it was right to keep moving in the direction we have been going - helping members with benefits like the health aids and the scholarships. This was a policy that was started many years ago. I think it has led to many of our tribal members becoming educated and self-supporting. I would hope that this is a desire we still all hold.

One of the things many people noticed when we made the change to our constitution was the equal split in legislative districts between those in Oklahoma and those outside Oklahoma. It was a calculated risk, so to speak. Those who were most closely involved in the change were aware of the possible deadlocks that could arise. For the most part, this has not been an issue, as all members understand the significance of the land base in Oklahoma. We cannot afford to risk this precious soil. It is the means by which we operate.

Without it, we have very few ways to fund many of the benefits we offer.

This brings me to the next issue that I would like to remind you of. We have an organization within the tribe that offers a nice benefit to our members. The CPCDC is an operation that helps new small businesses get off the ground and running. They can also help existing businesses. If you have ever thought about starting a business or maybe enlarging your current one, you would be well served by calling them. They have many different programs and much information that can help you. Call Kristi Coker at 405-878-4697.

For all my relations around the country, feel free to contact me via PSchmidlkofer@Potawatomi.org if you have any questions of me. As always, it's a privilege to serve our tribe.

Megwetch!

Paul Schmidlkofer

Secretary/Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale

Bozho, Nikan,

I hope and trust that all is going well with you and your families. I know for me it has been pretty hectic this month as the school year comes to a close. I have one son graduating from high school and enrolling in college, and our daughter is moving from middle school into high school. Our youngest son will be in fifth grade next year. With all of their activities, there is never a dull moment. I am sure that this is the case for a lot of us.

We just finished our area gatherings with a final stop in Washington D. C. I really enjoy being able to talk directly with so many of our people who do not live in the Shawnee area. You have no idea of all the good ideas and input that are collected through these meetings. I believe that it is very important for this "voice" to be heard so that we can best serve our people.

Our accounting department has just completed the first six months of this fiscal year, so I will be meeting with our directors to make sure that everyone is well-informed about where we are and what our expectations are for their departments. We should be very proud of our Nation and the success with which we have been blessed.

I often say that we are happy with the results but never satisfied. Remember that the profit from our businesses is what pri-



marily funds most of the services that our people who are in need receive. Let us not forget that we are a needs-based Nation, meaning that the people with needs get taken care of before those of us who do not have such needs. This is why the idea of a "per cap" payment or a savings account system is fundamentally flawed.

We have a population of about 27,000 members and growing. It takes a tremendous amount of money to take care of the needs of this many people. The fact is we still need to make more money to supply more services to more people every month. This is a driving force of mine to maximize the return of our investments for our

Nation.

I hope that you can come to the festival the last weekend of June. This is always a great time of the year for us, and you might be surprised by how much fun you will have. I don't know what I like the best the food or the games, it might be a tie. I do know that the pride I feel for our Nation at Grand Entry is hard to express.

I ask you to get involved with your Nation; we need you. Please vote; this is a fundamental right of ours that needs to be exercised. Think of how unfair we would say it was if we did not have this right. I would be remiss if I didn't state that I believe that our current Chairman, John 'Rocky' Barrett, is the best candidate by far for continuing his position as our Chairman. I have worked with the Chairman for several years now, and even

though we don't agree on every issue, there is no doubt in my mind how much he loves our Nation and how qualified he is for the job.

The Chairman's role is of paramount importance to our success as a Nation. I hope that you will examine the true facts and record of success that we all have enjoyed under the current administration.

Please continue to send me your thoughts and comments on how to better serve our people. If you have any questions or concerns about the finances of the Nation please give me a call, I am here to serve you. Thank you for letting me be a part of your Nation's administration as your Secretary/Treasurer.

Megwetch,

D. Wayne Trousdale/"NETEMGIWSE"
Secretary/Treasurer

Vice Chairman Linda Capps

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has held several receptions in the past nine months to honor the employees for the length of their employment. Plaques were presented to the employees who have tenure of 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 years. It will be about three more years before we hit the 30-year mark for several employees. The receptions were held on a schedule that allowed the employees to bring their director and at least one family member. That doesn't sound like many people to accompany each employee, but with approximately 180 five-year employees, the numbers add up rapidly; thus several receptions were scheduled. One reception is planned for June, which will conclude our 2009 recognitions.

It is humbling to be a part of the presentation process. The Chairman and I present the awards, and the employees' department directors have a chance to give special recognition. Bob Trousdale and his Job Pride department staff plus the two Executive administrative assistants are instrumental in planning and implementing the receptions and ordering the awards.

I enjoy these receptions very much! During the latest reception, we added some history in regards to the departments - how each department has evolved in funding, size, and even location. The employees seemed to especially appreciate hearing the history of their department.

Speaking of our employees, I hope that the election campaigns are a more positive



reflection on our governmental process than a negative one. I suppose that politics in Indian Country can be as distasteful as politics in the public sector, but I want our Tribe to be the example instead of the norm. We have such respected and qualified Tribal members in leadership right now. The Nation's progress is a tribute to those who have served in the past and those who are serving now. And, I have faith that the progress will continue for those who serve in the future.

Many of our out-of-state Tribal members are planning to attend Family Reunion Festival. I hope those of you who live in Oklahoma make a supreme effort to attend, too. The food and events will be sure to please! The renovated festival

grounds are shaping up magnificently! What is more enticing than family, friends, good food, and laughter? All of this (and more) can be easily accessed at the annual festival!

I cherish the opportunity to serve as your Vice Chairman.
Megwetch,
Linda Capps

Chairman John Barrett

Bozho, Nikan (Hello, my friend)

This year's Heritage Festival promises to be a great one. We have some beautiful new facilities, new easy-access parking, including a close-in handicapped lot, and an expanded camping area and RV Park. Don't miss it. You will see some old and new family, dance, eat, and play. This is your best opportunity to share your Citizen Potawatomi heritage. There will be a new tradition and space for the Reunion families – right in close to the action in the Reunion Round House. The Heritage Center will have films, stories, and lots of new things to see. General Council is Saturday afternoon at 3:00 at the Heritage Center.

There will be Indian dancing on Saturday night, with special honor dances for the eight Reunion Families. Ladies, bring your shawls and traditional dresses, men bring your regalia, we will dance it up smooth - the Potawatomi way. Dance lessons are in the afternoons if you want some special "steps." There will be some tribal dance regalia for sale at the various vendors.

I can't wait for the food. The favorites will be served again - fry bread, corn soup, burgers, hot dogs, bratwurst, all the regular desserts, plus some great new dishes to try out - all-you-can-eat, all day, each day, our gift to you.

We will have an exciting hand game competition again for some big cash prizes, so get your seven-person team together. If you do not know how, we will teach you! Last year's winning team won over \$500 plus a share of the Calcutta auction. The volleyball, softball, horseshoes, golf, night golf, basketball, checkers, chess, and archery contests will be "hot and heavy," so get ready to win some cash in those, as well. There will be lots of activities for the kids, too – swimming, art, dancing, pool, and miniature golf.

If you have not received your ballot by now, the **Request For Ballot** form you sent in did not have your roll number, or had the wrong roll number on it. You will have to vote in-person on Saturday, June



27. You will have a chance to get a new Tribal Card if you do not have yours with you. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 2:00 p.m. Transportation will be available from the Festival Grounds to the Tribal Court House, where you vote. Just look for the "Voters Trolley." It will be running continuously.

I'd like to share my feelings about our new government with you. We are going forward. The business of our tribe is getting done. You have elected some talented and dedicated people who are working hard at getting over some bumps in the road that are to be expected in a new organization. When I was young, I had a grey-haired boss who used to say:

"Life is hills and valleys, kid. Sometimes you're up and sometimes you're down. It's hard gettin' on top and easy goin' downhill, but if you're gonna keep moving, you gotta take 'em one right after the other."

Our Tribal Legislature is not in a valley, just a dip. One, we have been airing our problems out a bit too much in the *HowNiKan*. Two, we need a new tone in our Legislative sessions. As Tribal Chairman, I can help with the first one, the Tribal Legislature as a body can fix the second issue. In order to return civility and professionalism to the *HowNiKan* and put our government in the best light before our

members and the public, future *HowNiKan* articles published by Tribal Legislators will exclusively be about the business of the Tribal Legislature and tribal activities within the Legislative Districts. Endorsements of political candidates, negative partisanship, character attacks, inflammatory characterizations, and personal criticism of fellow members of the Tribal Legislature will not be included. Those opinions should be expressed in private publications by individual Legislators. They can advertise their personal mail or e-mail address in their individual columns. The object is not to muffle dissent, but to put it in a place where readers may choose to view it with the clear understanding that it is the per-

sonal opinion of the Legislator, not the entire body of the Legislature or the entire government.

The Citizen Potawatomi people want a positive example. I will do all in my power to make that so, including my own writing as a Legislator. The *HowNiKan* has always been open and honest in providing news of interest and value to our tribal members, and will continue to play that important and positive role impartially.

Thank you for the honor of serving as your Tribal Chairman. I hope to see you all at the Heritage Festival. Please vote!

Megwetch (thank you),
John Rocky Barrett/Keweoge
Tribal Chairman

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your tribal democracy works!
Vote in the
2009 Tribal Chairman/Legislative election.**

Jon Boursaw

(Bourassa/Ogee)
Fourth-Generation Native Kansan

Candidate for
District #4 Representative



MY COMMITMENTS TO CPN MEMBERS OF DISTRICT #4:

My willingness to be readily available to serve the needs of our Tribal members of District #4.

I will work with the other CPN Legislators to continue the growth and prosperity of the Nation.

I will stand firm to preserve our existing benefits and services while seeking to add those that are necessary and are financially supportable.

I will make opportunities available to broaden the knowledge of the CPN history, culture, and traditions to our members in District #4.

I will pursue the objective of establishing an organization of CPN Veterans in District #4.

**TO FULFILL THESE COMMITMENTS I NEED YOUR VOTE AND
IN RETURN I PROMISE TO SERVE YOU WELL.**

JOIN ME IN RE-ELECTING CPN CHAIRMAN JOHN BARRETT

E-mail me at boursaw4district4@cox.net

More info at www.jon4dist4.com

BERTRANDS FOR BARRETT

John A. Barrett has led this Nation for 24 years, taking it from a small trailer house to THE most progressive tribes in the United States, and the single largest employer in Pottawatomie County. He is the proven leader who respects our members, our employees and our community, and *his administration demonstrates that fact!*

- If transparency is the issue, then why won't the other candidates admit how they have treated and intimidated CPN employees and fellow tribal members?
- If transparency is the issue, then what exactly is the CHANGE the other candidates are REALLY proposing? Other than putting the scholarship program, burial fund, and other vital programs at risk? A per capita payment would cause that and termination of a large number of hard-working employees in the midst of a recession.

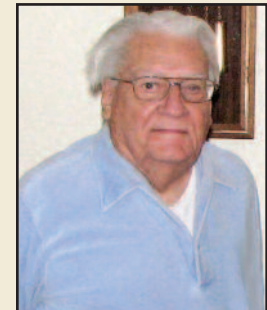
We are voting for John 'Rocky' Barrett.



Maxine DiGrappa - Big Spring, Texas



Susan Burkhardt, Norma Watson, Jean Ann White, & Marcia Bendo - Tulsa, OK and surrounding area



Paul Clark - Tecumseh, OK



Mark Clark - Tecumseh, OK



Nora Jean Smith - Lexington, OK



Diane Fredell - Colorado Springs, CO



Jane Fredell - Colorado Springs, CO

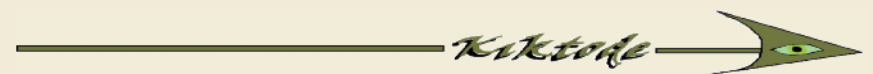


Paid for by Charles Clark Kiktode – Director Tribal Rolls

I'm proud of my Bertrand family heritage, but the welfare, strength, and future of our Nation depend more on those who can lead and govern this Nation in the 21st century regardless of whose family they are from.

John A. Barrett recognizes and rewards hard work, not only promoting a job-well-done but encouraging those with special talents to develop them. These are the roots of our Nation's success.

CHANGE! I have faithfully served this Nation and John A. Barrett for over seven years. I witness change every day - **CHANGE** that continues to allow us to grow - economically, culturally, and personally. Why dig up the roots of a healthy, thriving community when it is already at its BEST?



2009 Family Reunion Festival

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2008

6:00 a.m.	Wellness Center Open House (until 6:00 p.m.)
8:00 a.m.	Registration Begins at Pow Wow Grounds (until 8:30 p.m.) Shawl-Fringing Class - Human Resources Conference Room (Until 5 p.m.) Tribal ID Cards Prepared (Until 6:00 p.m.) - North Reunion Hall
8:30 a.m.	Children's Fingerprinting - North Reunion Hall (until 5:30 p.m.)
9:00 a.m.	Tribal Heritage Family/Veterans Interviews (until 5:30 p.m.) - Cultural Heritage Center - All CPN Tribal Members and all Veterans welcome to interview throughout the day Photo & Document Scanning - Cultural Heritage Center Founding Family Film Festival - Cultural Heritage Center/Voices of Heritage Theatre <i>Bingo and Youth Arts & Crafts (until 11:30 a.m.) - Tribal HQ</i> <i>Kiddie Land & Petting Zoo - Pow Wow Grounds</i> Swimming Pool at Pow Wow Grounds opens (until 9:00 p.m.)
10:00 a.m.	Softball Tournament Sign-up (14 & older) - Softball Fields Hot Dogs, Bratwursts, Smoked Bologna Served - West side of pow wow grounds (Until 10 p.m.) Fun & Games in the Potawatomi Language - CHC Long Room Swimming Pool at Tribal Headquarters Opens (until 6:00 p.m.)
11:00 a.m.	Registration for Adult/Teenage Pool Tournament until 12:30 p.m. - Southeast Corner of Firelake Discount Foods Parking Lot
12:00 p.m.	Vendors: Arts & Crafts & Food - Pow Wow Grounds Community Development Corporation, CPN Housing Authority, and First National Bank Booth Opens - South Reunion Hall - (open until 7 p.m.)
1:00 p.m.	Beadwork Class - Human Resources Conference Room Potawatomi Language Class (Common Phrases) - CHC Long Room Adult/Teenage Pool Tournament until 12:30 p.m. - Southeast Corner of Firelake Discount Foods Parking Lot <i>Youth Arts & Crafts (until 4:30 p.m.) - Tribal Headquarters</i> <i>Children's Activities (14 & under)- Tribal HQ - Chess and Checkers</i>
5:00 p.m.	Chess Tournament - Pow Wow Grounds/New Pavilion (East) Health Aid Foundation Information Booth - South Reunion Hall (closes at 7 p.m.)
5:30 p.m.	Dinner - Pow Wow Grounds/New Pavilion (West) - served until 7:30 p.m. Cultural Heritage Center closes for the night
6:00 p.m.	Domino Tournament - Pow Wow Grounds/New Pavilion (East) Horseshoes Tournament - Between FDF parking lot and the creek <i>Swimming Pool @ Tribal Headquarters Closes for the day</i>
6:30 p.m.	Traditional Hand Games - Reunion Roundhouse
7:00 p.m.	Checkers Tournament - Pow Wow Grounds/New Pavilion (East) Pool at Pow Wow Grounds closes for the day

Dance Under the Stars and Dance Contest/Live DJ - South of FDF

8:00 p.m.	Registration for Night Golf Begins - FireLake Golf Course
9:00 p.m.	Country & Western Dance - South Reunion Hall Night Golf/Scramble - FireLake Golf Course

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2008

7:00 a.m. Voting opens (until 2:00 p.m.) - Tribal Court - Administration Building

	Tribal ID Cards Prepared (Until 3:00 p.m.) - North Reunion Hall/(Until 2:00 p.m. & For Voting Purposes Only) - Administration Building FireLake Wellness Center Open House (Until 3:00 p.m.)
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast - Pow Wow Grounds/New Pavilion (West) (Served Until 9:00 a.m.) Registration for Golf Tournament Begins - FireLake Golf Course
8:00 a.m.	Registration Begins at Pow Wow Grounds (until 8:00 p.m.) Sacred Heart Tour (transportation provided) - Cultural Heritage Center Parking lot Community Development Corporation, CPN Housing Authority, and First National Bank Booth Opens - South Reunion Hall - (open until 3 p.m.) Tribal Veterans Meeting - Cultural Heritage Center Tribal Heritage Family & Veteran Interviews - Cultural Heritage Center Founding Family Film Festival - Cultural Heritage Center/Voices of Heritage Theatre Fry Bread Making Demonstration - Pow Wow Grounds Health Aid Foundation Booth Opens ('til 2 p.m.) - So. Reunion Hall
8:30 a.m.	Golf Tournament - FireLake Golf Course - Four-person teams Ribbonwork Class - Human Resources Conference Room Vendors: Arts & Crafts & Food - Pow Wow Grounds Health Fair (until 3:00 p.m.) - Health Services Fry Bread Competition (16 and older) - Pow Wow Grounds Children's Fingerprinting - North Reunion Hall (until 5:30 p.m.)
9:00 a.m.	Flute-Making Class - Bourbonnais Cabin Longbow-Making Demo - Archery Area, West of Pow Wow Grounds Tribal Heritage Family & Veterans Interviews - Cultural Heritage Center 2009 Honored Families - Acton, Bergeron, Curley, and all Veterans (until 10:45 a.m.) Photo & Document Scanning & Family Research - Cultural Heritage Center (until 10:30 a.m.) Caring for Your Feet - Wellness Center (until 2:00) 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament (15 and older) - Pow Wow Grounds Softball Tournament - South side of Pow Wow Grounds Swimming Pool at Pow Wow Grounds opens (until 5:00 p.m.) <i>Youth 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament (14 & under) - Tribal HQ</i> <i>Youth Arts & Crafts (until 11:30 a.m.) - Tribal Headquarters</i> <i>Kiddie Land - Pow Wow Grounds</i> <i>Petting Zoo and Rides - Pow Wow Grounds</i>
10:00 a.m.	Trail of Death Movie - Potawatomi Church Building

10:00 a.m.	Financial Empowerment Workshop - Admn. Bldg Training Room Hot Dogs/Bratwursts/Smoked Bologna Served - West Side of Pow Wow Grounds (until 10 p.m.) Archery Tournament - West of Pow Wow Grounds <i>Fun & Games in the Potawatomi Language - Administration Bldg.</i> <i>Youth Art Competition (CPN Members Only/Ages 6-15) - Southeast Corner of FireLake Discount Foods Parking Lot</i> <i>Swimming Pool Opens (until 5:00 p.m.) - Tribal Headquarters</i> <i>Youth Coloring Contest (14 & under) - Tribal Headquarters</i>
11:00 a.m.	Hawk & Knife Demo - Archery Area, West of Pow Wow Grounds Tribal Heritage Family & Veterans Interviews - Cultural Heritage Center 2009 Honored Families - Delonais, Greemore, Levier, and all Veterans (until 12:45 p.m.) Photo & Document Scanning & Family Research - Cultural Heritage Center Pegnegewen - Lacrosse/Stickball Pickup Game (Parents and Children Welcome) Reds v. Blues - Child Development Center Playground <i>Youth Softball Throwing Contest (14 & under) - Tribal Headquarters</i>
11:30 a.m.	Lunch - Pow Wow Grounds/New Pavilion (West) (Served until 1:00 p.m.)
12:00 p.m.	Flute-Making Class - Bourbonnais Cabin
1:00 p.m.	Financial Empowerment Workshop - Admn. Bldg Training Room Tribal Heritage Family & Veteran Interviews - Cultural Heritage Center 2009 Honored Families - Negahnquet, Pambogo and all Veterans (until 2:45 p.m.) Photo & Document Scanning & Family Research - Cultural Heritage Center Traditional Fire-Making w/Bow Drill & Flint-and-Steel - Prayer Circle on West Side of Pow Wow Grounds Trail of Death Movie - Potawatomi Church Building Pow Wow Dance Lessons - Between North & South Reunion Halls <i>Youth Arts & Crafts (until 4:00 p.m.) - Tribal Headquarters</i>
2:00 p.m.	Adult Art Competition Registration (Winners to be announced during General Council Meeting) - Cultural Heritage Center
3:00 p.m.	General Council - Cultural Heritage Center
5:00 p.m.	Tribal Heritage Family/Veterans Interviews - CHC Photo & Document Scanning - Cultural Heritage Center Founding Family Film Festival - Cultural Heritage Center/Voices of Heritage Theatre Swimming Pools at Tribal Headquarters and Pow Wow Grounds close for the day
5:30 p.m.	Gourd Dancing - Pow Wow Grounds Dinner - Pow Wow Grounds/New Pavilion (West) (Served until 7:30 p.m.)
6:00 p.m.	Cultural Heritage Center closes for the day
8:00 p.m.	Grand Entry/Dance - Pow Wow Grounds
SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2008	
7:00 a.m.	Traditional Ceremonies - Prayer Circle/Sharp House
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast - Pow Wow Grounds/New Pavilion (West) (Served until 9:00 a.m.)
8:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart Tour (transportation provided) - Heritage Center parking lot Community Development Corporation, CPN Housing Authority, and First National Bank Booth Opens - South Reunion Hall - (open until 12 p.m.) Tribal Heritage Family & Veterans Interviews (until 12:30 p.m.) - CHC

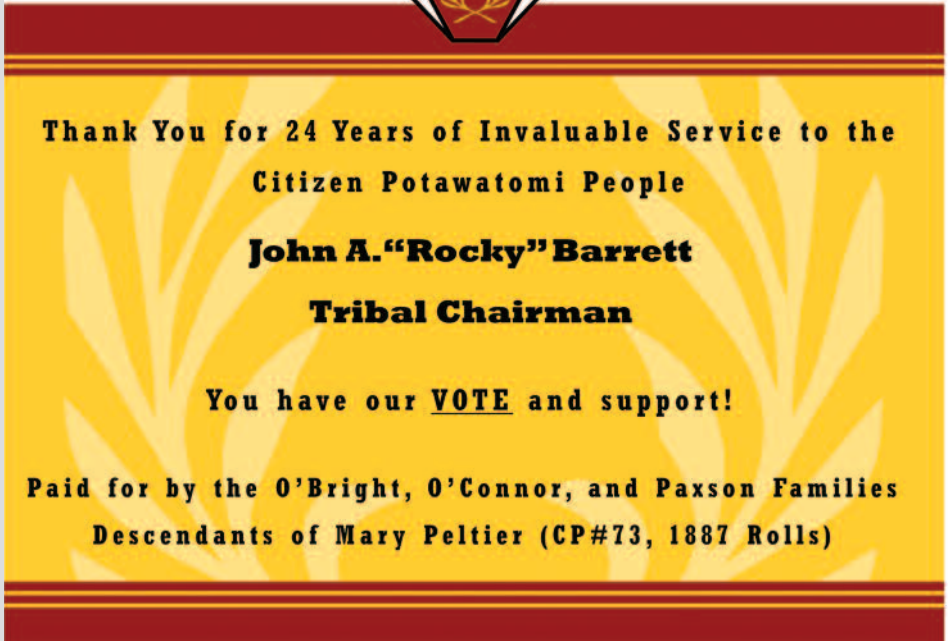
9:00 a.m. *Children's Fingerprinting - North Reunion Hall (until 2:00 p.m.)*
 Youth Arts & Crafts (until 11:30 a.m.) - Tribal Headquarters
 Kiddie Land - Pow Wow Grounds

10:00 a.m. Swimming Pool at Pow Wow Grounds opens (until 2:00 p.m.)
Hot dogs/Bratwursts/Smoked Bologna Served - West Side of Pow
Wow Grounds (until 2 p.m.)

11:30 a.m. Lunch - Pow Wow Grounds/New Pavilion (West) (Served until 1:00 p.m.)

1:00 p.m. Mini-Putt Tournament - FireLake Mini-Putt/Pow Wow Grounds

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1. Chris Bowman poses with her son, Gil and wife Bianca. They live in Stafford, AZ and are members of the Holloway family.

2. Tribal member Bob and Rainy Kritkauskay from Glendale are shown at the end of the day. Bob is a member of the Wall family.

3. Legislator, Gene Lambert of District #5 and Secretary/Treasurer D.Wayne Trousdale pose with Domingo Castaneda of Mesa. Domingo is a descendant of the Burnett family.

4. Clay Fincher, also of Tempe, holds his daughter, Molly.

5. Bobby Lises of Glendale is shown with his son Steve and grandson Collin of Apache Junction. They are descendants of the Pambogo family.

6. The eldest tribal member in attendance was 94 year-old Roy Melot of Gilbert, AZ. Roy is shown with his lovely wife in the background. He is a descendant of the Bertrand and Melot families.

7. Belva Fincher of Tempe holds her grandson, Aaron, who is proud of his new ID card. Belva is the wife of David Fincher, a descendent of the Gregson family.

8. Rod Slavin of El Cajon, CA makes a point as he speaks about his heritage. Seated are Legislator Roy Slavin and grandson Rodney.

9. Chairman Barrett hands Amanda Morgan of Anchorage, AK the gift for traveling the longest distance. Bianca Morgan receives a baby blanket for the youngest member present. Amanda and Bianca are descendants of the Lewis family.

10. Joe Wulfschle of Glendale speaks about his heritage as his grandson, Anthony, looks on. Joe is a descendant of the Bourassa family.

11. Ashley Driscoll of Glendale, the granddaughter of Joy and Charles Esch, is a descendant of the Navarre family. Ashley poses for a picture for a new ID card with Charles Clark of Tribal Rolls and Yancy Orr of Tucson assisting her.

12. Deanna Neves of Cortez, CO is a LeClair/Rhodd descendant.

13. Mark Moody of Durango, CO smiles for the camera after speaking about his family heritage. Mark is a descendant of the Lewis family.

14. Chairman Barrett holds six-month-old Bianca Morgan, the youngest tribal member in attendance.

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1. Karen Bruechert watches her granddaughter, Madelyn Milhorn (long hair) and little Ariel Simmons as they color. Karen is from Van Couver, WA.

2. Glen Melot of Rainier, W A and sister, Jamie Lawrence, of Tacoma WA visit with Steve Lynch of Beverton, WA.

3. Rachel Murdock poses with Isabella Wooten, both are from St. Helens, WA.

4. The eldest, Donice Grace Johnson, is presented a Pendleton blanket by Chairman Barrett. Ms. Johnson is an attractive 89 years old.

5. Edward Kissler looked great in his ribbon shirt! He and Charlene are from Castlerock, W A. He is a descendant of the Hutton/Ogee families.

6. Sherrine O'Brien traveled the longest distance from Springfield, MO to attend the meeting. She is presented a travel bag by Chairman Barrett.

7. Ola Mitchell (seated) and his daughter Natalie Dawn Mitchell Royce and Chris Royce traveled from Gresham, OR. They are descendants of the Milot family.

8. Beautiful Jill Carter spoke on behalf of her brother, Patrick Shannon, who is a candidate for District #8 Legislator.

9. Marshall Waterman, a descendant of the Bertrand family, lives in Eugene, OR.

10. Jeff Hart from Edmonds, WA and Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Rolls Director Charles Clark visited after the meeting. Jeff is a descendant of the Navarre family.

Note: Portland is part of the CPN Legislaure's District #8, where six candidates are vying for a four-year term. The candidates are, left to right, Ed Anderson, Ginger Blackmon, Dave Carney, Patrick Shannon, Clyde Slavin, and Kelli Jo Willard.



Elder of the Month, con't. from page 7



Loyd DeLona is poses at Smokin' Joe's Bar-B-Q in Idabel in July 2001 with sons Gary Don DeLona is (left) and Gregory DeLona is.

shift,' he and his brother-in-law started a tile business. They stayed busy every morning from 7:00 am until 1:00 pm. Then, Loyd would go to his job at Tinker at 3:00 p.m. This continued from 1964 until 1969.

DeLona is retired from his position as a Unit Chief at Tinker AFB in 1982. Wife Bobbie retired then, as well.

Mr. DeLona is had always worked, so after a few weeks of retirement, he took yet another job at Blue and Gold Sausage Company. He held a part-time, seasonal position there for 13 years.

He had always returned to Sacred Heart, almost every weekend, to visit his parents, then to "just go and check out the old farm."

"My wife is a real go-getter," DeLona is said. "She has enough energy for three people." In 1986, she became a full-time realtor. "She was supposed to retire in 2006, but she still sells part-time for loyal customers, family, and friends." Loyd said.

His siblings include William B., Betty Marie, and James Leo. Bill walked on in 1975. James, who is buried at Sacred Heart, walked on in 2003.

The DeLona ises' children include Gregory Loyd, Shelly Anne, William Bryan, and Gary Don, who owns a restaurant in Idabel. "It's called 'Smokin' Joe's Steak and Rib House,'" DeLona is said. "You should go there and eat. The food is great!"

The couple have seven grandchildren and one great-grandson.

While raising their children, Loyd still worked at the farm, raising cattle. He retired for the fourth time in 1996.

The family always took weekend trips back to Sacred Heart. Bobbie said, "Oh, the children loved to play with their cousins, grandma, and grandpa. Grandma would make homemade bread and rolls,



chicken and dumplings. But, her pies were heavenly!"

Loyd added, "She always had good home-canned green beans, sauerkraut, and every kind of fruit. Everything she made was from scratch."

Bobbie and Loyd spent much time with friends at Lake Eufaula. She laughed as she said, "All our friends had boys, and our daughter didn't think it was fair, being the only girl."

To this day, Mr. and Mrs. DeLona is go back to the family farm on weekends every chance they have. They are loyal members and supporters of their church, St. Philip Neri in Midwest City. They partake of noon meals at the CPN's McLoud Title VI Elderly Feeding Program on Thursdays and Fridays. "We really enjoy it; we have lots of good friends and good times. We rarely miss attending. That Denise Smith Title VI director) is such a hard-working gal, and she's so kind to all of us" they said

Loyd is very thankful to get his medicine at the CPN clinic. "It saves me a lot of money. I always worked, so I didn't need much from the tribe, but I've had my back broken twice and have five stints in my heart."

It is evident that this couple is a match made in heaven. The bond between them is definitely to be envied. Both are wholesome, loving individuals. They welcomed this reporter into their home with open arms for an interview.

We should all read Loyd DeLona is' story and commit some lessons to heart. He worked hard as a child, a teenager, and an adult. He served his country not just once, but three times, and retired from four jobs. So, the next time you turn on the news and think our economic state is critical, or feel like you are underprivileged, consider yourself fortunate you haven't had to endure the hardships Mr. Loyd DeLona is has.

Vote For Dave Carney

District 8

(AK, WA, OR, MT, WY, ND, SD, and NE)



ABOUT THE CANDIDATE

- Potawatomi name – Kagakshi (Raven)
- Proud member of Juneau family
- Devoted husband for 18 years
- Father of 4 CPN members
- 20 years of successful upper management business experience
- 5 years of non-profit management experience
- Active in the community
- Officer of local church council

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- ✓ Please support Chairman Barrett
- ✓ Please mark your ballot for Carney, District 8 Representative



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